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DEPT FOR UNDER SECRETARY/POL AFFAIRS HABIB FROM CHARGE  
GENEVA FOR LOWENSTEIN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, PFOR, UN OVIP (LOWENSTEIN, ALLARD)  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ALLARD LOWENSTEIN

REF: STATE 046637

1. THE ALLARD LOWENSTEIN VISIT COULD BE USEFUL IN UNDERSLIN-  
ING US OPENNESS TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC LEFT (WITH WHOM WE HAVE  
BROAD CONTACTS), AND HIS SPANISH FRIENDS WOULD CERTAINLY BE  
GLAD TO SEE HIM.

2. RE TIMING, THE SCHEDULE PROPOSED IS AGREEABLE TO US, BUT A  
LATER VISIT COULD BE BETTER. WE ARE APPROACHING ONE OF THOSE  
PERIODIC CLIMAXES IN THE SPANISH POLITICAL PROCESS IN WHICH  
THE GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING ITS CONSULTATION WITH ALL DEMO-  
CRATIC POLITICAL SECTORS, WILL ANNOUNCE THE ELECTROL LAW, WHICH  
WILL PROVIDE THE POLITICAL RULES OF THE ROAD FOR THE ELECTIONS.  
UNTIL THAT IS DONE, POLITICAL GROUPINGS AND POSITIONS ARE  
VERY FLUID, AND ALL POLITICIANS ARE TALKING HYPOTHETICALLY  
IN LARGE PART. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTORAL LAW MAY  
WELL COME JUST ABOUT THE PROPOSED TIME FOR THE VISIT. IT  
WILL PRODUCE AN ACCENTUATED DEGREE OF POLITICAL POSTURING  
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AND SCURRYING TO AND FRO FOR A TIME. THE PRESS MIGHT BE  
PARTICULARLY TEMPTED THEN TO PAINT MR. LOWENSTEIN'S VISIT  
AS A SPECIAL INSPECTION TRIP ON THE POLITICAL PROSS.  
IF HE WERE TO BE AVAILABE IN APRIL, WITH THE PROCESS  
FULLY UNDER WAY, IT MIGHT BE BETTER. BUT IF AN APRIL VISIT  
IS INCONVENINET, WE ARE HAPPY TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MARCH  
15-16 DATES.

3. SO FAR AS THE CHARACTER OF THE VISIT IS CONCERNED, WE THINK IT WELL NIGH IMPOSSIBLE TO PORTRAY THE HEAD OF A US DELEGATION TO A MAJOR UN BODY AS A SIMPLE PRIVATE CITIZEN. WE WOULD PROPOSE, CONSEQUENTLY, TO MAKE A FINE BUT IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BY SAYING THAT ALLARD LOWENSTEIN IS MAKING A STOPOVER OF A PRIVATE CHARACTER AND IS SEEING OLD FRIENDS. WE WOULD NOT SEEK PUBLICITY. WE WOULD PLAN TO MENTION THE VISIT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ADVANCE AND RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES IN THE ABOVE VEIN. HOWEVER, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT HIS VISIT WOULD BECOME PUBLIC, WHATEVER WE DO.

4. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HAVE RAY CALDWELL, THE POLITICAL OFFICER WHO DEALS WITH THE DEMOCRATIC LEFT ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, HANDLE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WILL BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE MR. LOWENSTEIN WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE. EATON

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